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Mall Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

New Suits Arriving Daily

Every train and boat entering Richmond these days brings us something new in Ready-to-Wear Suits, Coats, Waists and Skirts.

Many of these garments are in small quantities, and as a consequence are practically exclusive effects.

You'll readily see the necessity of buying early. In case any slight alterations are needed, early purchasing will give us plenty of time to do the work.

Two new styles Suits just arrived in Herringbone Serge.

The first is in blue and brown with light stripes. The coat is semi-fitted, 24 inches long, lined with taffeta; collar and cuffs trimmed with a wide band of self-material, giving a very pleasing effect to the coat; fancy hip pocket, four buttons; 13-gored skirt, plaited back, full cut, bias band around bottom. **\$26.50**

The other style at the same price is in blue and black Herringbone Serge, 25-inch tight-fitting coat, with a fold of white plaid at the neck. Breast and hip pockets lined with light taffeta. Full plaited skirt, with a bias band at the bottom. **\$26.50**

May Minton Patterns, 10c; by mail, 12c.

THURMAN WILL FINISH BOOK BEFORE HE DIES

Governor Stays Execution of Murderer in Order That He May Aid Mother.

RESPIRE FOR TWO WEEKS

Remarkable Request of Condemned Man Granted—Supreme Court Denies Appeal.

After much consideration of the matter, Governor Swanson last night granted a respite in the case of Leo C. Thurman, convicted of murder in the Corbin Court of Norfolk and sentenced to be hanged on Friday, March 13th.

Application was made by the prisoner himself, a letter to the Governor forwarded by Mr. James G. Martin, attorney for the condemned man. In this letter Thurman says: "The only grounds upon which I have to base this request is the fact that several weeks since I commenced a work covering my past life, to be published after my demise, the proceeds from which I desired should revert to mother. Notwithstanding the fact that I have devoted my time, both night and day to the work in question, I find that it will be a matter of impossibility to complete same before the expiration of the few days now remaining."

The prisoner then recites the sad conditions at his home in Kentucky and the need of financial assistance there.

The Governor telegraphed to City Sergeant Lawler last night that he had respite the prisoner until the 27th, and instructed the officers to proceed with that day to carry out the sentence of the court.

The request of the murderer is unique in many respects. The reason for it is, in any, precedents in Virginia, and the fact that he said nothing whatever of desiring a chance of escape and a spiritual preparation to die is likewise unusual.

Thurman, however, previously made a desperate attempt to escape, and exhausted every means known to the law to secure release. Although the Supreme Court had hitherto refused a writ of error in his case, an attorney appeared yesterday with a new application. But after it was carefully examined by the court this was also denied. In the meantime the Governor was wrestling with his petition for a respite, which was granted at a late hour last night.

The crime for which Thurman is to die was committed in Norfolk about two years ago, and was most dastardly. He killed a man named Walter P. Dolsen, who was a member of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. Thurman, who was a man named Walter P. Dolsen, who was a member of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. Thurman, who was a man named Walter P. Dolsen, who was a member of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

He was in the first degree.

DILLON GETS YEAR

Convicted on Three Charges of Petit Larceny and Others Are Sent to Jail.

W. D. Dillon, a young white man, with several aliases, was convicted in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of entering boarding-houses and taking away with clothes of the occupants of the rooms. On three charges he was sentenced to spend a year in jail. One charge against him was dismissed, and three others were continued to the 15th for hearing.

According to the evidence, Dillon's custom was to procure board and then steal the guests' apparel, which he afterward pawned. Seven charges in all were lodged against him. He was arrested by Bicycle Policeman Palmer.

NEED MORE PHYSICIANS

Alderman Mitchell Offers Substitute Plan After Defeat of Another Measure.

City Council having refused to adopt an ordinance providing for two additional physicians to the poor in the annexed territory, because of the fact that they would be elected by the Board of Health and not by the Council, Alderman Mitchell has prepared another ordinance to put the matter to a vote. It will be introduced at the meeting of the Board to-night. In a verbal opinion on the subject City Attorney Pollard holds that the present physicians cannot be retained, and a strict interpretation of the law to attend to the new territory. They have not returned, however, to respond to all calls. The work is increasing so rapidly that the staff of four cannot meet all emergencies, strong arguments being advanced therefore for an increase of the number to six.

GIBBS ESTATE \$65,000

Value of Property Left by Mrs. Baldwin Just After Defeat of Another Measure.

Alfred W. Gibbs qualified in the Chancery Court yesterday as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Fannie F. Gibbs, which was valued at \$65,000.

Robert Munford qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Maria L. Baldwin, valued at \$6,000.

Annette Meyer Cowardin qualified as administrator of the estate of Lewis W. Meyer, valued at \$2,800.

Faulkner Held.

Alfred Faulkner, brother of Robert Faulkner, the negro who shot eight points at Nineteenth and Franklin streets a week ago, was in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of shooting his brother. He was represented by Mr. Edgar English. Alfred Faulkner is himself badly wounded, and he claims that he was shot by Robert, who now lies in the City House. The case was continued to the 15th.

EXTEND AVENUE AT BOTH ENDS

Henrico Citizens and Supervisors Agree on Plan to Relieve Situation in County.

NEGRO CUT IN TWO BY TRAIL

Man Declares Gun Went Along With Him and He Did Not Steal It.

Following the protest of citizens who appeared before them on Thursday concerning the condition of the road they have been forced to use since Brook Turnpike has been occupied by the Richmond and Chesapeake line, the supervisors of Henrico county yesterday agreed to appropriate \$2,000 toward building extensions at each end of Chamberlayne Avenue, thus going around that part of the highway now monopolized by the railway. About two and one-half miles of new road will have to be constructed. The avenue will then extend from Norwood Avenue on the north to Franklin Street on the south.

To the \$2,000 set aside by the county and \$1,000 which it is thought can be raised easily by private subscription, the State will add \$5,000. The State fund will not be actually available before next March, but this will not delay the work. Mr. W. C. Saunders, supervisor for Brookland District, agreed to construct the extension from Chamberlayne Avenue to Norwood Avenue out of the district fund, so that the larger portion of the \$8,000 can be used on the south end. Of the several routes proposed, this was decided upon as the most direct and the least expensive.

Urged to Contribute.

Landholders living along the proposed new road will be approached at once and urged to contribute to the private subscription. The movement seems now to be on a firmer footing than ever before. It remains with the people who will be most benefited by the new thoroughfare whether or not the project will go through. Not only their subscriptions but their co-operation in other ways is necessary to obtain redress from the evil against which they have so long been fighting. Mr. T. C. Redd, county supervisor, said before the meeting yesterday that he had given the matter close attention, and believed that if a first-class road could be run along the route proposed taxable values there would reach \$1,000,000 by 1912.

Another conference between the citizens and the supervisors will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At this time it is hoped that the plans may be put into definite shape.

Killed By Train.

Lying near Draper's crossing, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway, a short distance north of Glen Allen, the dead body of a negro was found yesterday morning almost cut in two about the middle of the abdomen. The body was lying across the north track, and it was evident that the man had been struck by one of the trains.

The negro was well dressed, having on an excellent suit of clothes, which seemed to have been taken from a store. In his pockets were addressed to John Henley, Swansboro, Va.

Some of them showed that he had friends in Norfolk. One bore the letterhead of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Gideon, and was signed by J. J. Mainer, No. 112 E. Main Street, Norfolk. Nothing had been heard last night from any one who knew him.

The body was examined yesterday by the county coroner, Dr. W. A. Deas, and viewed by a coroner's jury. The verdict of the jury was that the man came to his death as a result of injuries received by being run down by an engine on the northbound track of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway.

Just Took It—Didn't Steal.

Frank Adams, charged with stealing a gun belonging to Mr. E. T. Lillard, of Henrico county, was fined \$10 and sentenced to serve ninety days in jail yesterday afternoon by Magistrate J. W. Tiller.

After a lengthy search the shop in which Adams pawned the gun was found. The weapon was identified by him and Mr. Lillard, and after some argument with the broker it was handed over to its owner.

Adams said that he had no idea of stealing the gun; that he went to Mr. Lillard's and took it to kill a hawk. Not finding the hawk, he proceeded in the direction of Richmond—with the gun—and being in the city he naturally felt the need of a few dollars, which were forthcoming when the collateral was produced.

"I didn't steal the gun," said Adams to Mr. Tiller, who just took it and pawned it, and went about my business."

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Society Women Work for Virginia Poor



MRS. WALDORF ASTOR.

As she appeared in the tableaux vivant, recently given in New York for the benefit of the poor in the mountains of Virginia. Mrs. Astor took the part of Pierrette in the pantomime "Le Revillon de Pierrette." Nearly \$10,000 was realized from the entertainment, which was arranged by Mrs. Astor, who was Miss Annaline Langhorne, of Virginia.

VIRGINIA TIMBER IS DISAPPEARING

"Friend of the Trees" Declares None Will Be Left After Two Years.

Declaring that the timber supply of Virginia will be completely exhausted within the next ten years, Editor John P. Brown, of Arboriculture, published at Comersville, Ind., made an urgent plea yesterday for the protection of the forests. Mr. Brown stopped over here on his way to Wolf Trap to inspect 200 acres of catalpa trees, planted by him about a year ago for the Southern Railway.

"This lumber," said Mr. Brown, "will be used by the Southern for fuel, but it will not be a drop in the bucket, so to speak, when you consider the needs of the entire system. One thousand trees are planted to the acre. In seven years, however, about three-fourths of them must be cut down to give the others a chance to develop, leaving about 250 acres to the acre. The catalpa, originally found in 100 square miles, is now growing in every part of the world. In twenty years it is fully developed for sawing."

Has Planted Millions.

Mr. Brown is known throughout the country as "the friend of the trees." He has traveled 500,000 miles, and more than 25,000,000 trees have been planted through his efforts. A catalpa forest in Italy is known as "Bois Brown."

"The railroads are alarmed over conditions," he said, "and they realize that they must prepare for the future. I have just planted 1,000,000 catalpas for the Louisville and Nashville, near Nashville, where I have 500 acres of my own. The political antagonism to the transportation companies in this country has been such that the are forced to deal with present-day problems, without time or money for future development. I believe, however, that there will be a reaction in feeling, and the public will turn against its hostile attitude of the politicians."

The Southern tract at Wolf Trap is a beautiful condition. Mr. Brown got a glimpse of it from the train yesterday. He will inspect it more carefully to-day. He says other railroads will plant in Virginia just as soon as they are convinced of the success of this first experiment near Danville.

HIGH CONSTABLE WINS

Jury Finds for Wyatt in Case of Alleged Wrongful Seizure.

After brief deliberation yesterday a jury in the City Circuit Court returned a verdict for the defendant in the suit for \$2,000 damages, filed by Mary E. Matthews, against High Constable W. H. Wythe. It was alleged in the complaint that goods belonging to the woman were seized in an attachment against her husband, W. D. Matthews.

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SECRETARY TAFT WILL SPEAK HERE

Invited by Judge Pritchard to Address Cotton Men and Will Probably Accept.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, N. C., will arrive here from Washington, D. C., this morning, and will begin a special session of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. F. D. Beckham, Judge Pritchard's private secretary, arrived last night, and is at the Richmond, where Judge Pritchard will stop. It is not known that any matter of striking public interest will come before the court at its special session, which will probably last only a few days.

While in Washington, Judge Pritchard called on Secretary Taft and invited him to come to Richmond April 24th to address the National Convention of Cotton Manufacturers, which will be in session on that date. The invitation was delivered by the judge at the request of certain officers of the association from North Carolina. The Secretary would not say positively that he would accept, but the impression was made upon Judge Pritchard that he would do so.

Celebrates Birthday.

Mr. Ike Strauss entertained a number of his friends at his residence on Saturday evening in celebration of his twenty-first birthday. Music for the occasion was furnished by Professors Kaufmann and Lichtenstein. Those present were Messrs. Louis Thalheimer, Edgar Whitlock, Arthur Lee Strauss, Ike Friedberg, Ben Engelberg, Irving Greenlee, Leon Schwab, Clarence Wallerstein, Raymond Strauss, Walter Gans, Edwin Heller, Robert Sytle.

BEAT AGED HUCKSTER AND DEMANDED MONEY

Daring Negro Robber Would Probably Have Killed Mr. McAuley if Unexpected Help Had Not Come.

Is Badly Injured.

Knocking his victim down with a single blow, a gigantic negro early yesterday afternoon stood over a prostrate form of Alex. McAuley, a huckster in the First Market, and nearly pummeled him to death before help in the form of an old colored woman arrived.

Mr. McAuley is a provision dealer in the market, where he has been an business for more than forty years. He had just entered his stall with a roll of bills when the negro slipped in and closed the door behind him. With a curse and a demand for money, he knocked Mr. McAuley down, and pounced upon him. The aged man, who is sixty-eight years of age, struggled, but blow after blow was inflicted, and he was terribly punished. Fannie Robertson, a colored woman, was passing by at the time, and opened the door. Thinking that he was discovered, the negro fled precipitately through the market and escaped.

Mr. McAuley struggled to his feet, and was taken to a nearby drug store, where his wounds were dressed. His face was badly bruised, and he had one good leg—the other was lost in the Civil War—was wrenched, and his clothes were torn. The robber got away with the money, and the aged man is now in the hospital, where he is being treated for his injuries.

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